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Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service (NPS), within the boundaries of the Sandy Hook Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

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I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

VISITING HOURS

The park, including all Day Use Areas, is open from 05:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily from April 1 to October 31 and open from 05:00 AM to 08:00 PM from November 1 to March 31, except by permit or as noted below.

All navigable marine waters within the park boundary are open 24 hours.

Visitor centers and contact stations are closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day (December 25) and New Years Day (January 1).

Hours of operation for parking areas and associated facilities are listed below. Dawn is ½ hour before sunrise and dusk is ½ hour after sunset.

Jamaica Bay Unit

- North Channel Bridge parking area is open from dawn to dusk.
- Canarsie Pier is open from 5:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. (Closed from 2:00 a.m. to 5 a.m.) Motor Vehicle access is from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. (Vehicles prohibited 2:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.)
- The visiting hours for the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Trails are from sunrise to sunset.
- Jacob Riis Park and the Riis Park Parking Lot are open from 6:00 a.m. to Midnight.
- Plumb Beach parking area is open from 7:00a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (winter) and 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (summer)
- Concession facilities are closed to visitors after established operating hours. The concessioner sets operating hours.
- Floyd Bennett Field is open dawn to dusk
- The Ryan Visitor Center (public areas only) on Floyd Bennett Field is currently closed for renovations.
- The Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center (public areas only) is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- Ranger Station at Floyd Bennett Field is open daily from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Sandy Hook Unit

- When the concession facility at Area D is in operation the Parking Lot and restroom facilities (and access to this area) are open from 5:00 am until the concessionaire closes, but no later than midnight.
- The Sandy Hook Visitor Center is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

Staten Island Unit

- The Visitor Center at Fort Wadsworth is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 pm Wednesday thru Sunday.
- The visitor contact station at Great Kills Park is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday thru Monday.
- Ranger Station at Miller Field is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday thru Sunday.

NOTE - Because of special activities or situations that may occur at any time it may be necessary to make changes to what is shown in this section on short notice. In all cases the public will be given as much notice of these changes as possible and hours of operation will be advertised in the park's quarterly calendar of events.

PUBLIC USE LIMITS

Jamaica Bay Unit:

- Special Events with attendance of more than 5,500 people during peak summer season at Floyd Bennett Field, July 1 through September 7, are prohibited.
- Special Events with attendance of more than 2,000 people during peak summer season at Riis Park, July 1 through September 7, are prohibited.
- No more than one permit on any given day will be issued for organized Special Events in the Jamaica Bay Unit, during peak summer season, July 1 – September 7. Permits are issued on a first come, first served basis.
- No Special Event with attendance of more than 10,000 people from September 8 through June 30 per district will be permitted.
Special Event limits reflect carrying capacity, resource protection, and health and safety issues for staff and visitors.
- No Commercial Filming will be permitted for Riis Park, Fort Tilden beaches or the Breezy Point Tip from Memorial Day through Labor Day.
Commercial filming negatively impacts public visitation and the resource during peak season.
- The following carrying capacities have been established by the park for the following areas in regards to motor vehicle access between July 1 and September 7 on an annual basis:
 - Jacob Riis Park 4500 vehicles
 - Floyd Bennett Field 3000 vehicles
 - Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge 76 vehicles
 - Fort Tilden 534 vehicles
 - Canarsie Pier 327 vehicles
 - North Channel Bridge 144 vehicles
 - Riis Landing 90 vehicles

Allowing more vehicles into these areas than available parking space causes damage to park resources and facilities and compromises visitor safety.

Sandy Hook Unit

- Sandy Hook has a finite number of parking spaces. When these spaces are full, vehicle entrance to the park is restricted to non-recreational users, residents and cooperators.
Allowing more vehicles into the park than available parking spaces causes damage to park resources and facilities and compromises public safety.
- The parking lot at the Sandy Hook Visitor Center is restricted to 2 hour parking.
This is not a beach use lot and in order to accommodate non-beach use visitors and their vehicles, a parking duration limit has been set.
- The entrance station parking is restricted to 15 minutes parking.
This is not a beach use lot and in order to accommodate persons seeking a refund or conducting other entrance station related matters, a parking duration limit has been set.
- The Fort Hancock parking lot adjacent to Park Headquarters (Building 58) and the Sandy Hook Lighthouse is restricted to 2 hour parking except by a M.A.S.T. issued permit.
This is not a beach use lot and in order to accommodate non-beach use visitors and their vehicles, a parking duration limit has been set.
- The Multi-Use Path has a center dividing line. Users must keep right per the pavement postings.

Heavy use, combined with pedestrian and wheeled users and blind curves makes for a potentially hazardous path. To avoid head-on collisions users must keep to the right of the centerline.

- The organized youth group campground has 3 sites (a 4th is taken offline as a rehab site) with space to accommodate 30 users at each site.
The number of campers is limited by the restroom facilities available and to protect park resources.
- Capacity limits for all public structures are set by code and posted, when applicable.
Limiting the number of people in buildings is required by life safety codes

Staten Island Unit

- Special events are limited to 3000 participants at Miller Field and Great Kills Park.
Special event limits reflect carrying capacity, resource protection, and health and safety issues for staff and visitors.

CLOSURES

- All structures, buildings, houses, remnants, etc. are closed to the public unless specifically addressed as a public use facility. (See Visiting Hours for public use facilities).
Non-public use structures and remnants may be unsafe.
- Unless identified otherwise, Historic Gun Batteries and other Military Fortifications are closed to the public.
These historic structures are in various conditions of repair, some are very hazardous.
- All areas posted with authorized access only type signs; i.e. service roads, maintenance compounds and historic ruins are closed to public use, travel and motor vehicles.
Work areas and historic ruins contain hazardous conditions, equipment and operations.
- The primary dune systems along the ocean and bay shorelines are closed to the public except at designated dune crossings.
Dunes are fragile resources and easily harmed by social trails. Dune systems protect upland areas from storm surge. Dunes are easily damaged and destabilized when vegetation is trampled
- Glass containers are prohibited except in residences, motor vehicles, cooperators facilities, concession food preparation areas or as a condition of a Special Use Permit.
Cuts from broken glass are a frequent injury in a recreational beach area. Beverages and foods sold in glass containers are also available in cans or plastic.
- Pets are prohibited on all beaches from March 15 through September 15 except; pets are permitted on bayside beaches at the Sandy Hook Unit and on Staten Island Unit beaches after Labor Day.
Pets are prohibited for the protection of nesting shorebirds and to insure sanitation on the bathing beaches
- The use of charcoal, propane, or wood fired cooking grills, and campfires is prohibited except in designated areas or as a condition of a special use permit. (see exceptions in Part 2 Section 2.13 FIRES)
This policy is necessary to prevent wildland fires and minimize the risk of injury to bare feet from improper disposal of hot coals.

- Mylar and other balloons filled with helium are prohibited within the park.
Discarded or released balloons pose health risks to threatened and endangered species especially marine turtles. They may also disturb nesting activities of threatened and endangered birds.
- Kite flying and kite boarding are prohibited: within 650 feet of posted shorebird nesting areas, in parking areas and on all lifeguard protected beaches while guards are on duty.
Kite flying and kite boarding will disturb nesting shorebirds and can cause nests to fail. Due to the large number of visitors, kites on the bathing beaches and parking areas pose a safety hazard and can damage property.
- The use of tents, shelters, temporary shade structures, windscreens or tarps is prohibited except on park beaches, Riis Park picnic areas, Canarsie Pier picnic area, Frank Charles Park picnic areas, and North Channel Bridge picnic areas, during daylight hours. These structures cannot have the ability of being fully enclosed. On ocean beaches when lifeguards are on duty, no windscreens or tents are permitted in within 35 feet of the high tide line. No individual physical barrier or combination of such may exceed twenty-five (25) feet in uninterrupted length. An obstruction-free corridor measuring at least fifteen (15) feet must be maintained between the barriers specified above to ensure free access. The construction of windscreens or sun shelters from driftwood is prohibited.
Camping is prohibited except in campgrounds. Using these temporary structures at night would constitute camping. Enclosed tents have been used to conceal illegal activities. Maintaining obstruction-free corridors helps in visitor movement along the waterline, aids the lifeguards in seeing and responding to events along the shoreline, and provides a viewing area of the ocean in front. The popular use of physical barriers on some park beaches has lead to the construction of large, unnecessary obstacles along populated shoreline areas. These barriers, when combined, connected or placed close together, significantly impede and often prevent public and emergency service movement to the water's edge. The visitor's easy access and the park's ability to provide emergency service are critical factors ensuring public safety and enjoyment of the resource. This determination will serve to limit the maximum length of continuous physical barriers and require minimum width access gaps between them. These limitations are intended to facilitate free and easy public access and safer conditions for visitors on the beach.
- Large areas of the ocean beach, as designated by signs and string lines, are closed to the public during certain times of the year for the preservation of nesting shorebirds.
Threatened and endangered shorebirds are very susceptible to disturbance. Entry into the closed sections of beach will disturb the shorebirds and can cause nest failures.
- Golfing, including the use of wiffle balls is prohibited except; at the Riis Park Pitch and Putt and the Brooklyn Golf Center
Hitting golf balls compromises visitor safety and creates visitor use conflicts.
- Non-tidal waters are closed to fishing.
There are few areas of non-tidal waters that may contain fish and they are located in sensitive habitats used by birds and other wildlife.
- Trapping of game species is in accordance with state law, except, park lands and waters are closed to the collection of horseshoe crabs and diamondback terrapins.
Maintaining adequate populations of these species in the park is critical to support a balanced ecosystem.
- Fishing is prohibited on lifeguard protected beaches when lifeguards are on duty. This includes fifty yards up the beach from the red lifeguard flags marking the protected swim areas.
Due to waves and tides fishing lines drift into the swim areas and pose a hazard to swimmers unless lines are cast at least 50 feet outside of the red flagged protected area.

- The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and New York Department of Environmental Conservation has closed and "condemned" certain waters to the harvesting or collecting of shellfish. The waters around the park are included in this closure.
Harvesting shellfish in these areas is prohibited by state law.

Unit Specific Closures

Jamaica Bay Unit

- All vegetated wetland areas are closed to visitor access.
Wetlands are fragile ecosystems and are easily damaged by people and vehicles.
- Access is prohibited at the former Rockaway Coast Guard Station
The former Coast Guard station is used by the park for administrative purposes.
- Alcohol consumption is prohibited at Riis Beach, except at the official National Park Service concessions.
This alcohol policy is consistent with all surrounding New York City Beaches as per NYC Park Regulations and helps to prevent deaths due to drowning in swimming areas.
- Alcohol is prohibited at organized events larger than 500 people except by Special Use Permit.
Gatherings of less than 500 are generally considered picnics. Events larger than 500 people require NPS oversight and monitoring of alcohol consumption.
- The following roads and areas are closed to motor vehicle use:
 - All roads in the "Back Fort" historic area in Fort Tilden.
 - Beach 169th Street, south of the "Do Not Enter" sign.
 - Riis Park Boardwalk.
 - Shore Road in Fort Tilden, from June 15 to September 15.
 - The Riis Landing Area is closed to all public use not directly associated with the ferry operation.
 - Vehicular access to the beach at the Breezy Point Tip is prohibited from March 15th through August 31st.
These roads are closed to protect park resources, to limit conflicts with pedestrians, and because they do not meet highway standards.
- West Beach back dune and grassland area are closed to visitor use.
This closure is necessary to protect dune and grassland habitats.
- Roads leading to, and areas immediately surrounding park housing, are closed to visitor access, with the exception of Aviation Road for pass through to permit only fishing areas.
These closures improve safety and security in employee housing areas. There are no visitor use facilities in these areas.
- Floyd Bennett Field, Ranger Road, east of the Building #272 access road (Navy Pier area) is closed to visitor access.
Deteriorated seawalls create safety hazards in this area.
- The main airport tarmac located behind the Ryan Visitor Center (FBF) is closed to motor vehicle traffic except by special use permit.
This area is kept clear of vehicles to maintain the historic scene.
- The Runways 6/24, 11/19 and 12/30 are closed to motor vehicles, except by special use permit.
There are no traffic control devices on these large expansive paved runways which create a safety hazard for vehicles. Traffic on these runways will disturb other park users.
- All Grassland Management Areas on Floyd Bennett Field are closed to visitor access.
All Grassland Management Areas are signed for natural resource preservation.
- Ecology Village Campgrounds are closed to the public except by permit only.
Sites are provided under a permit reservation system.

- Canarsie Pier is closed to commuter parking.
Use by commuters would limit access for park users.
- The following roads and areas are closed to motor vehicle use:
 - All unpaved roads within the North Shore District (North Forty, Dead Horse Bay, Raptor Point Trail, and at campgrounds).
 - Flatbush Avenue Greenway.
Motor vehicle use on these roads would disturb other park users and create a safety hazard.
- Visitors must stay on designated trails within the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, except within the garden areas and around the edge of the East Pond.
Trails are provided to minimize damage to vegetation and natural habitats.
- The trails within the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge are closed to Picnicking.
Picnicking along the wildlife viewing trails can interrupt the natural behavior of wildlife and can encourage feeding of wildlife by visitors. Food scraps left behind can be harmful to wildlife. Picnicking is permitted in designated areas within the Refuge.
- All roads (paved and unpaved) within the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge are closed to motor vehicles except parking lots.
Motor vehicle use on these roads would disturb other park users and create a safety hazard.
- The islands within Jamaica Bay are closed to the public beyond the mean high tide line, except by permit.
Closure is to protect fragile wetland habitat.
- Cross-Country Skiing, smoking, jogging, and pets are prohibited on the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge Trails.
The primary use of the wildlife refuge trails is for nature study. Cross country skiing, pets, and jogging can startle wildlife and diminish wildlife viewing opportunities. Smoking can cause visitor use conflicts and creates a wildland fire risk.

Closures have been determined according to resource protection, operational capacity and visitor safety.

Sandy Hook Unit

- Motor vehicles are permitted on designated paved or gravel roads/lots only.
Soft sand, vegetation and wildlife are easily impacted by vehicles and roadside parking creates an unsafe condition.
- Roadside parking is prohibited except along the south side of Fishing Beach (Area F) access and the motorcycle parking at Area G.
Roadside parking damages road shoulders and creates safety hazards for pedestrians.
- Roadside stopping is prohibited except along the paved pull-out on the west side of Hartshorne Drive at Area H (the access to Horseshoe Cove).
Stopping is allowed for safe loading and unloading. Stopping along roadways creates traffic safety hazards.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited on the Multi-Use Path (except motorized wheelchairs).
The Multi-Use path was designed for non-motorized recreational use only.
- Parking at all three National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration parking lots is restricted to authorized users of those facilities.
There are no visitor use facilities in these areas.
- Parking in the Area D designated employee parking spaces is restricted to authorized vehicles only.
Spaces are designated for emergency responder employees who need to be close to their vehicles.

- Access into any Beach Center's loading dock/storage area is restricted to authorized personnel and vehicles.
These areas are restricted as there may be equipment or operations that could be hazardous to park visitors. There are no visitor use facilities in these areas.
- The Holly Forest, west of Hartshorne Drive, north of the observation boardwalk and south of Horseshoe Cove is closed to the public, except by reservation or guided tour.
The Holly Forest is a unique preserve and special care must be taken to ensure its protection.
- The freshwater marshes south east of Guardian Park and north and south of the Nike Missile Launch Site (except the access to the public bird observation blind at Nike Pond) are closed to the public.
Freshwater marshes provide important habitat for wildlife and conditions for a diversity of plant species. Entering these marshes will disturb wildlife and can damage this important habitat.
- The low salt water bayside marshes (delineated by the high tide line) of Spermaceti Cove, Skeleton Hill Island and Horseshoe Cove (north of the boardwalk) on are closed to the public. The closed areas include; beaches, dunes, marshes and water areas.
These saltwater marshes provide; important feeding and resting habitat for bird species migrating along the Atlantic flyway, important breeding habitats for fish, crabs, turtles and other marine species, a natural way to filter tidal waters, and serve as a buffer to the uplands. Entry into the marshes will disturb wildlife and damage this important resource.
- Photographing defense installations or vessels is prohibited.
18 U.S.C. § 795 makes it unlawful to photograph or sketch defense installations, vessels, etc. Due to the heightened security as a result of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, areas across from the Earle Naval Weapons Station, the US Coast Guard Station, and the shipping channel at the north end of the park are under greater scrutiny and visitors taking photographs of naval vessels or homeland security facilities may be investigated.
- The interior of all park structures and the entire roof deck of the Area D concession facility (currently called the "Sea Gulls' Nest") are closed to smoking.
Smoking is prohibited in federal buildings and reduces conflicts among park users.
- White Road, between South Gunnison Beach and Atlantic Drive is closed to all access.
In addition to this road being closed to unauthorized vehicular traffic, foot traffic and bicycles are prohibited. This road is the primary emergency access road to Gunnison Beach and it has sections that are very narrow through steep dunes on soft sand. Pedestrians hinder emergency response as there are limited areas for them to leave the road causing the responding vehicles to stop and potentially bog down in the soft sand.
- Intertidal Zones may be closed for the protection of feeding piping plovers chicks between March 15 and Labor Day.
Piping Plovers are a Federal threatened and State endangered listed species.
- Landing or beaching vessels as defined in 36 CFR 1.4 on ocean beaches between March 15 and Labor Day is prohibited.
It is not possible to determine from the water which beach areas are closed to protect nesting shorebirds.
- Launching of any vessels (as defined in 36 CFR 1.4 to include small boats, inflatable boats, kayaks, etc) is prohibited on ocean side when lifeguards are on duty.
Launching vessels on the lifeguard protected beaches creates a safety hazard for the swimmers and distracts lifeguards.
- Parking lots, roadways and the organized youth group campground are closed to the possession of open alcohol.
The use to excess of alcohol in these areas has traditionally been unmanageable given staffing levels and frequently resulted in more serious infractions.
- Operation of vessels is prohibited within waters of Spermaceti Cove.
The sheltered waters of the cove provide important resting and feeding habitat for

birds migrating on the Atlantic flyway. Watercraft, including kite boards, windsurfers, and kayaks will cause the birds to move to less suitable habitat.

- Passenger carrying bus engines must be shut off when not underway.
The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park.
- Hunting within the boundary of Gateway NRA, Sandy Hook Unit is limited to waterfowl and permitted on the bayside waters only. Hunting within the coves is prohibited.
- Hunting and firearms must remain 450 feet from any point of land.
- Access to the authorized hunting zones is by boat only. There is no overland access through the park for the purpose of hunting. Possession of firearms is prohibited in the park except in boats or floating blinds within the designated hunting zone.
- Only floating blinds and/or boats are permitted. Hunting from land and/or permanent blinds is prohibited.
- Launching or recovering vessels within the unit for the purpose of hunting is prohibited.
- Hunting wildlife other than in-season waterfowl is prohibited.
Restrictions on hunting are to insure compliance with state hunting regulations, for visitor safety, and for the protection of wildlife.

Staten Island Unit

- Operating vessels within 150 feet of all marshes is prohibited including the peat flat at Great Kills Park.
Boat wakes can damage fragile wetland features
- Parking at the Crookes Point Natural Area is prohibited, except by special use permit.
The permit system limits the number of users necessary to protect the ecology of the area.
- All marshes and Hoffman and Swinburne Islands are closed to the public, except by special use permit.
The marshes are fragile wetland habitats and the islands contain bird nesting sites. Remnant structures on the islands are in disrepair and present a safety hazard
- Pets and ball playing are prohibited at the public swimming beach at Great Kills Park, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, except by special use permit.
Pets and ball playing are disturbing to other beach users. Pet waste creates a risk to public health.
- Parking for boat launching and retrieval activities within the Great Kills Park public boat launch facility, is by special use permit only, requiring a vehicle and trailer attached. Boat launch is not for commercial use. Vehicles may not park more than 24 hours.
Permits are needed to regulate the use of the boat ramp
- Weed Road in Fort Wadsworth is closed to all motorized vehicular traffic not on official business.
Vehicles use creates a safety hazard with pedestrians.
- The Fort Wadsworth Picnic Area at Seabee Park is closed to public use.
The Site Management Plan/Environmental Assessment that currently guides management decisions at Fort Wadsworth was approved in September of 1995. Prior to approval, the Plan went through extensive public involvement and review. It features programs, services and management actions designed to facilitate interpretation of the fort's important cultural history, particularly the coastal defense story. The Fort Wadsworth picnic area or Seabee Park was constructed prior to the transfer of much of the fort to the National Park Service. The picnic area is now made available on a "by permit" basis to National Park Service staff, and to the staff of the U. S. Coast Guard and the U. S. Army Reserve Center that work or reside at Fort Wadsworth. Only one permit is issued per day.

- Motor vehicles are permitted on paved or gravel roads/lots only.
Soft sand, vegetation and wildlife are easily impacted by vehicles and roadside parking creates an unsafe condition.
- Roadside parking is prohibited except along Harbor Road in Great Kills Park, along New York Avenue at the Chapel in Fort Wadsworth (during services only), along the south side of Mont Sec Avenue in Fort Wadsworth and along Battery Road at Building 301 and 305 in Fort Wadsworth.
Roadside parking damages road shoulders and creates a hazard for pedestrians
- Roadside stopping is prohibited except at the Miller Field picnic area and along the Fort Wadsworth Overlook.
Stopping along park roadways creates a traffic safety hazard.
- Areas of Great Kills Park southwest of Buffalo Street, southeast of Hylan Boulevard and north of Great Kills Harbor are fenced, signed and identified on area maps as closed to visitation.
Determination: Radium contaminated soil has been identified in areas of Great Kills Park that were landfill sites. These areas will remain closed until a full survey is complete and (if necessary) a full remediation program has been executed.
- Landing or beaching vessels on unit beaches is prohibited except in emergencies or by permit.
Landing or beaching can create a safety hazard for the boat occupants and visitors on the shoreline. Nesting shorebirds and other wildlife may be disturbed
- The shoreline under the Verrazano Bridge and adjacent to Battery Weed and the Torpedo Pier is closed to fishing.
Safety hazards exist along the shoreline and there are security concerns under the bridge

NOTES:

- Because of special activities that may occur at any time or as a result of various construction projects or for the protection of threatened species, it may be necessary to make changes to what is shown in this section on short notice. In all cases the public will be given as much notice of these changes as possible.
- During hazardous conditions or emergency situations some areas may be closed on short notice. These closings will be denoted by closed gates, posted employees, signs, traffic cones and/or "Do Not Enter" type flagging.

(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:

Bicycle Routes:

- Bicycles are permitted on Multi-Use Pathways and all paved or gravel areas except as noted under Closed Areas.

Boat Launching Sites:

- Boats on trailers may be launched and recovered at the following locations. Permits and/or Fees may apply:
 - Great Kills Park Boat Ramp
 - Great Kills Marina
 - Gateway Marina
- Boats and vessels may be launched and recovered by hand at the following locations. Permits and/or fees may apply:
 - Jamaica Bay Plumb Beach
 - Floyd Bennett Field Mill Basin inlet
 - Floyd Bennett Field Seaplane ramp
 - Riis Landing

- Rockaway Point Cove
- Canarsie Pier
- Jamaica Bay North Channel
- Ocean beaches when or where no lifeguards are present.
- Sandy Hook Bayside Area B, C and Horseshoe Cove

*Note: Vehicles may not stop on or along roadways or drive off roadways to aid in launching vessels. Vessels must be carried from designated parking areas or pull-outs.

Camping:

- Sandy Hook Youth Group Campground
- Ecology Village Educational Group Campground Floyd Bennett Field
- Public Campground Floyd Bennett Field
- Refer to §2.10 for detailed camping area designations.

Docking Areas:

- Concession operated docking facilities are located at Great Kills Park, Staten Island Unit and Gateway Marina in the Jamaica Bay Unit. Cost and requirements for docking are set by the concessionaire and approved by the NPS.

Horseback Riding

- Horseback riding is permitted at the concession operated riding academy off the Belt Parkway in the Jamaica Bay Unit only.

Off Road Area:

- The ocean side of the Breezy Point Tip is the only designated off-road route in the park. Vehicle permit required September 1 through March 14 to access beach. Beach closed to vehicles during the remainder of the year. Permit required at Tip sand parking lot all year.

Picnic Areas:

- Picnicking without fire is permitted at picnic tables throughout Floyd Bennett Field except; the Ecology Village Gazebo is available for special education programming only and the Floyd Bennett Community Garden area is open only to members of the community garden by agreement.
- Designated Barbeque Areas are located at Canarsie Pier, Fort Tilden, Riis Park, Miller Field, and at the Guardian Park picnic area in Fort Hancock. See 2.11 "Picnicking" for Designated Areas.

Remote Control Model Areas:

- The Remote Control Flying Field on Floyd Bennett Field is the only designated area for operating a remote control model airplane. Appropriate A.M.A. Insurance is required.
- The Remote Control Car Race Pad on Floyd Bennett Field is the only designated area for operating remote control cars. Appropriate R.O.A.R. insurance is required on race days. Special Use Permit is required for organized race events.

Roller Skating, Inline Skates and Similar Devices:

- Are permitted on Multi-Use Pathways, Greenways, and on the roadways in Fort Hancock.

Swimming Beaches/Areas:

- Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily in summer at the following locations: Areas C, D, E, G (Gunnison) & North Beach at Sandy Hook, Riis Park Bays 1 – 14 in the Jamaica Bay

Unit, and Great Kills Park in the Staten Island Unit. Lifeguards may also staff special events such as competitions and concerts. Wherever park lifeguards are on duty, that area is designated as a swimming beach.

Wind Powered Vehicle Area:

- The southern section of the open portion of Runway 19 is the designated Wind Powered Vehicle area. Special Use Permit is required.

NOTE:

A specific portion of the beach at Area "G" (South Gunnison) on Sandy Hook has traditionally been used by visitors as a clothing optional area. While not designating the area for this use, the Park acknowledges the popularity and history of the use and as a consequence, warns unfamiliar visitors of this activity through signs. Lewd behavior is prohibited park wide (36 CFR §7.29(c)) and nudity, outside the traditional use area, may be considered Disorderly Conduct (36 CFR §2.34(a)(2)).

The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:

Camping:

- Organized youth group camping is available for tent camping only. No trailers, recreational vehicles (RV's), or tent trailers are permitted.
- A permit must be obtained in advance of any youth camping activity. This permit must be presented during camping check-in procedures (36 CFR Section 2.10 (b)(8)). Camping applications must be written, no telephone reservations, and will be accepted up to 13 months in advance. If all three requested dates are booked, the group will have ten (10) days after written notification to select alternate dates via telephone. Groups will be limited to one (1) camping activity per calendar year in order to allow all groups equal opportunity at the present facilities. A written permit will be issued when camping reservations are assigned. This permit must be presented when groups are checked by any NPS employee.
- Camping at the public campsite on Floyd Bennett Field is through a reservation system only.
- Firewood from outside the park boundary may not be brought into the park or burned even at the organized youth group campground.
- Violation of the terms and conditions of a permit issued in accordance with this policy is prohibited and may result in the suspension or revocation of the permit for a period of time determined by the Superintendent (36 CFR 2.10(c)).

Swimming Beaches/Areas:

- Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily at designated swimming beaches.
- Swimming is prohibited outside guarded areas.
- Flotation of any kind is prohibited at Area I (North Beach) and Area G (Gunnison Beach) on Sandy Hook. Flotation where permitted at Areas C, D, and E. is limited to Boogie boards and canvas covered surf mats. No flotation of any other kind is allowed in the water - *Life preservers, arm swimmies, tubes, etc are not suitable to be used in the surf and can, in surf conditions, cause injury to the visitor. Special needs visitors may at the discretion of the Chief Lifeguard or designee be permitted to use USCG approved personal flotation devices.*
- No flotation (defined above) is allowed outside the guarded area on any beach.
- Distance visitors may swim from shore is at the discretion of lifeguards based on existing conditions.
- No balls, Frisbees, or any other thrown objects are allowed in the water.
- Ball playing on the beach may be restricted to less populated areas as density of visitors permit.
- No vessels are allowed in any guarded area - Areas C, D, E, and G on Sandy Hook have buoys designating the area. Strong currents at I (North Beach) make buoys impractical.

- Launching or use of vessels (as defined in 365 CFR 1.4 to include small boats, inflatable boats, kayaks, windsurfing boards, wave-runners, etc) at designated swimming beaches and on adjacent areas is prohibited.
- Surfing is prohibited inside the marked swim zones while lifeguards are on duty.
- Swimming either to or from boats is prohibited.
- Excessive horseplay in the water is prohibited.
- Scuba diving and snorkeling are prohibited in guarded areas.
- Digging deep holes on the beach is prohibited.
- Skim boards are permitted in less densely populated areas but may be restricted if visitor density dictates that it is not safe.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the superintendent is required:

36 CFR §1.5(d) Relating to Public Use Limits - To implement a public use limit, the superintendent may establish a permit, registration, or reservation system. Permits shall be issued in accordance with the criteria and procedures of 36 CFR 1.6.

Entering or remaining in the park between park closure and 5:00am:

- Residents and cooperators are issued non-transferable access permits.
- Persons stationed at the US Coast Guard Base at Sandy Hook and parents, etc. attending Marine Academy of Science and Technology High School (MAST) evening activities are permitted access with proper identification.
- Special Use Permittees require an additional authorization during closed hours.
- Fishing parking permits are required.
- Permits are issued to fishermen at the Sandy Hook Ranger Station 24 hours a day. Permits are issued at Miller Field, Great Kills Park, and Floyd Bennett Field Visitor Contact Station during hours of operation.
- Fishing parking permits will be issued beginning on the first day of the year and expire at midnight on January 31 of the following year. The permit must be affixed to the vehicle. To apply for a yearly permit one must be 18 years of age or older and present a valid drivers license and vehicle registration. Camping, sleeping in vehicles, tents, or other shelters (including sleeping bags and bed-rolls) is strictly prohibited. Fireworks, littering, and unleashed pets are prohibited.
- Fire permits are issued on Sandy Hook only, from October 15 through April 14. Fire permits are to be used only in conjunction with afterhours fishing. Fire permits are issued on a daily basis and are valid from sunset to sunrise.
- Failure to comply with park regulations will result in immediate revocation of fishing privileges for one (1) year.
- An "Administrative Fee" of \$50.00 is charged for each fishing permit issued. Payment must be made by personal check or money order.

36CFR§2.4(d) Carry or possess a weapon, trap, or net

- Using traps for furbearing game species in accordance with state law.
- Archery Permit: Permits required all year round for use of the archery range on Floyd Bennett Field. Permits expire January 31st following the year of issuance. A \$50.00 "Administrative Fee" is required. Archery range users may use field tip arrows only. The use of crossbows, broad head or judo point arrowheads are not permitted.

36 CFR §2.5(a) Collecting Specimens of plants, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals, except:

- Collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.1 (c)(1), "Preservation of Natural Features" (fruits, berries, nuts).
- Collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.2(b)(1), "Wildlife Protection" (hunting).
- Collecting conducted as designated within 36 CFR 2.3, "Fishing" (fishing). Seining.

36CFR §2.10(a) Camping:

- Public Camping Permits are only valid for specific dates on Floyd Bennett Field public Campgrounds. Public camping permits may take up to 7 days to process.
- Educational Group Camping Permits at Ecology Village in Floyd Bennett Field are available to educational groups who participate in Ecology Village Education Programs.
- Organized Youth Group Camping is available at Sandy Hook to organized youth groups whose members are under the age of 21 and for volunteer groups actively participating in park activities.

36 CFR §2.12 Audio Disturbances:

(a)(2) Operating a power saw in developed areas.

(a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas.

(a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.

36 CFR §2.13(a)(1) Lighting or maintaining a fire

- Fire permits may be issued in conjunction with a Special Use Permit.
- In the Sandy Hook Unit, fire permits may be issued in conjunction with afterhours fishing. Fire permits are issued only from October 15 through April 14. Fire permits are issued on a daily basis and are valid from sunset to sunrise. Additional conditions are listed on permit.

36CFR §2.17 Aircraft & Air Delivery:

- (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means.
- (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft.
- Runways at Floyd Bennett Field may be opened to aircraft for educational or interpretive purposes, (Public Law 92-592).

36 CFR §2.22(a)(2) Leaving Property Unattended.

36 CFR §2.23(b) Fees – Using park areas or conducting activities that require payment of a fee. The following special recreation activities (per 36 CFR Part 71).

- In the Jamaica Bay Unit - Use of Parking Areas in the following locations and at following times:
 - Off-road fishing permit required for the Breezy Point Tip beach and sandlot parking area all year round.
 - Bay 3 Lot also known as Riis Park East lot: Year Round – Parking permit is required from dusk till dawn, from Memorial Day through Labor Day, parking permit is valid only from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
 - Shore Road Fisherman's Lot, Yacht Club Lot: Permit required dusk to dawn year round. A permit is required at all times from June 15 through September 15.
 - Adaptive Aquatics Parking: A permit is required dusk to dawn year round. From June 15 through September 15, permit is valid only from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Area closed to vehicles during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - 222nd Street Fisherman's Lot: A permit is required dusk to dawn year round a permit is required at all times from March 15 through September 15

- Floyd Bennett Field: A permit is required dusk to dawn year round, with the exception of concession visitation in designated areas.
- Floyd Bennett Field Aviation Road Lot , A permit is required at all times
- Floyd Bennett Field Archery Parallel Parking Area (on Ranger Road), a permit is required at all times.
- Use of boat launch sites in Jamaica Bay including; Plumb Beach, Canarsie Pier, North Channel, and Floyd Bennett Field sites.

- In the Sandy Hook Unit

- The use of parking areas B, C, D, E, G, I, J and K. Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, (7:00 am through 5:00 pm).
- \$10.00 daily per vehicle
- \$5.00 daily per senior/disabled vehicle (senior = 62 or older)
- \$50.00 annual vehicle pass
- \$25.00 annual senior/disabled vehicle (senior = 62 or older)
- \$25.00 daily for vehicles over 20 feet in length

Additionally, while not "Recreation fees", the following Administrative fees are charged for the activities listed:

- Youth Group Camping - \$50 per group, per reservation (\$25 application fee + \$25 permit)
- Night Fishing - \$50.00 per calendar year
- VIP House (Building #108) - \$36.19 per room per night (Federal employee) - \$37.24 per room per night (Non-Federal – must have park affiliation)
- Special Use Permits – charges vary depending upon complexity

- In the Staten Island Unit

- Group picnicking in designated areas is by special use permit only.
- Parking for boat launching and retrieval activities within the Great Kills Park public boat launch facility is by special use permit only. \$50 per year
- Parking for fishing during sunset to sunrise.
- Parking at Crooks Point
- Special use permits are required for reservation and organized use of public buildings – charges vary depending on complexity

36 CFR §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services (Pursuant to the terms and Conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52)

36 CFR §2.38 Explosives:

- (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
- (b) Use or possess fireworks

36 CFR §2.50(a) Pageants, public spectator attractions, parades, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events.

36 CFR §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other activities for public expressions of views.

(b) Groups of less than 25 persons do not require a permit.

(e) Designated Locations

- Flagpole due west of the Ryan Visitor Center at Floyd Bennett Field, 50' x 50' space
- Flagpole at Riis Park, 50' x 50' space
- North east side of parking lot at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, 50' x 50' space

- Field east of Fort Hancock Bldg. #102
- Sandy Hook Guardian Park
- Sandy Hook Parking Lot L
- Grass field south of Tompkins Street in Fort Wadsworth
- Grass area on the south side of Buffalo Street past the first parking lot in Great Kills Park
- Miller Field Memorial Circle
- Other areas considered in accordance with Special Use Permit.

36 CFR §2.52(a) Sale or Distribution of Printed Matter

(e) Designated Locations

- Flagpole due west of the Ryan Visitor Center at Floyd Bennett Field, 50' x 50' space
- Flagpole at Riis Park, 50' x 50' space
- North east side of parking lot at Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, 50' x 50' space
- Field east of Fort Hancock Bldg. #102
- Sandy Hook Guardian Park
- Sandy Hook Parking Lot L
- Grass field south of Tompkins Street in Fort Wadsworth
- Grass area on the south side of Buffalo Street past the first parking lot in Great Kills Park
- Miller Field Memorial Circle
- Other areas considered in accordance with Special Use Permit.

36 CFR §2.61 Residing on Federal Lands.

36 CFR §2.62 Memorialization:

- (a) Erection of monuments (Requires approval from the Regional Director or designation by Congress)
- (b) Scattering ashes from human cremation

36 CFR §3.3 Operating a vessel in park waters designated as closed.

36 CFR §4.11(b,c) Vehicles Which Exceed Load, Weight, Length and Width Limitations as Defined in NJ State Motor Vehicle Law (NJSA 39:3-84 to 39:3-84.5) and NY State Motor Vehicle Law (need law cite)

36 CFR §5.1 Commercial notices or advertisements.

36 CFR §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (Requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).

36 CFR §5.5 Commercial Photography

- (a) Motion pictures and Television.
- (b) Still photography (with model(s) props, etc.).

36 CFR §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available).

36 CFR §5.7 Construction of Buildings and Other Facilities.

Permits can be obtained from the following locations:
Sandy Hook Unit Headquarters Office, 58 Magruder Road, Fort Hancock.
Sandy Hook Ranger Station
Jamaica Bay Unit Headquarters Office, Building 69, Floyd Bennett Field
Building 135 Ranger Station at Floyd Bennett Field
Staten Island Unit Headquarters Office, Miller Field
GKP Ranger Station

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park in the following areas:

- From ocean and bay beaches below the toe of the dunes.
- Down and dead wood may be gathered within the campsites.

(a)(5) The following conditions are in effect for walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the listed archeological or cultural resource, monuments or statues:

- Walking in or on gun batteries is limited to the areas designated by walkways or signs or when attending a ranger led tour.

(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trail or walkway as listed in Section 1.5 of this document.

- Within the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- At all coastal dune crossings

(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:

- Collection of beach plum fruits, berries, mushrooms, and bayberry berries is limited to one quart container per person per day.
- Seashell collecting is limited to a one gallon container per person per day.
- Collection is limited to areas normally open to the public.

Determination: Based on information from individuals knowledgeable in the field of park resources and review of state and federal law, the Superintendent has determined that the gathering, use or consumption of the proceeding natural products at the indicated quantity will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproduction potential of a plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:

- In New York, notify USPP Dispatch at 718-338-3988.
- In New Jersey, notify NPS Dispatch at 732-872-5900.

(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

- There are no closed areas.

36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING

(a) The following State fishing laws and/or regulations, as noted, do not apply in the listed areas:

- No listed areas, State law applies.
- Fishing is prohibited in non-tidal waters.
- Fishing is prohibited in closed areas see 36 CFR 1.5 "Closures."

(d)(2) Possession or use of live or dead minnows or other bait fish, amphibian, non-preserved fish eggs or roe is permitted in the following fresh water areas:

- No designated areas. Fishing is prohibited in non-tidal waters.

(d)(4) In accordance with federal statutory law, commercial fishing is authorized in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- No designated areas. Commercial fishing is not authorized in Gateway NRA.

(d)(8) Fishing is allowed in or from the following otherwise prohibited areas:

Motor road bridges:

- No designated areas, fishing is prohibited from motor bridges.

Within 200 feet of public rafts or floats designated for water sports:

- No designated areas. Fishing is adjacent to rafts or floats.

Swimming beaches:

- No designated areas. Fishing is prohibited from swimming beaches when lifeguards are on duty.

Surfing areas:

- No designated areas.

Public boat docks:

- No designated areas. Fishing is prohibited from public boat docks.

(e) Fishing in salt waters with net, spear or weapon, are authorized in the following areas only and in the following manner:

- No designated areas. Fishing with net, spear, or weapon is in accordance with state law.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

(a)(2)(i) Weapons, traps, or nets may only be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations:

- When carried by vessel to designated hunting areas in accordance with §2.2
- When fishing in accordance with §2.3
- By permit when conducting research activities and for employees, agents, or cooperating officials while in the performance of their official duties.
- By permit when trapping furbearing game species in accordance with state law.
- Trapping horseshoe crabs and diamondback terrapins is prohibited

(2)(ii) Weapons, traps, or nets may be used for target practice as provided for in Section 7.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

(a) The sites and areas listed below have been designated for camping activities as noted. A permit system has been established for certain campgrounds or camping activities, and conditions for camping and camping activities are in effect as noted:

- Floyd Bennett Field Public Campgrounds. (Tents and limited RV spaces, no hook-ups provided)
- Educational Group Campground at Ecology Village in Floyd Bennett Field.
- Organized Youth Group Camping at Sandy Hook.
- Vessels may use the open waters in Horseshoe Cove and west of Fort Hancock without a permit for overnight anchoring.

Conditions

- Educational Group Camping Permits at Ecology Village in Floyd Bennett Field are available to educational groups who participate in Ecology Village Education Programs.
- Organized Youth Group Camping is available at Sandy Hook to organized youth groups whose members are under the age of 21 and for volunteer groups actively participating in park activities.
- Organized youth group camping is available for tent camping only. No trailers, recreational vehicles (RV's), or tent trailers are permitted.
- A permit must be obtained in advance of any youth camping activity. This permit must be presented during camping check-in procedures (36 CFR Section 2.10 (b)(8)). Camping applications must be written, no telephone reservations, and will be accepted up to 13 months in advance. If all three requested dates are booked, the group will have ten (10) days after written notification to select alternate dates via telephone. Groups will be limited to one (1) camping activity per calendar year in order to allow all groups equal opportunity at the present facilities. A written permit will be issued when camping reservations are assigned. This permit must be presented when groups are checked by any NPS employee.
- Firewood from outside the park boundary may not be brought into the park or burned at park campgrounds.
- Violation of the terms and conditions of a permit issued in accordance with this policy is prohibited and may result in the suspension or revocation of the permit for a period of time determined by the Superintendent (36 CFR 2.10(c)).

(b)(3) Camping within 25 feet of a fire hydrant or main road, or within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water is authorized only in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- Campers must be within the designated campsites.

(d) Conditions for the storage of food are in effect, as noted, for the following areas:

- Food may not be left unattended in campgrounds.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Certain areas have been closed to picnicking and are listed in section 1.5(a)(1) "Closures". Picnicking is allowed unless it is listed under 1.5(a)(1) "Closures".

Conditions for Picnicking:

- Group picnicking in designated areas is by special use permit only.
- Barbeque grills associated with picnicking may only be used in designated areas.

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

Designated Areas:

- Park grills at the designated areas at Canarsie Pier, Riis Park and Fort Tilden, Miller Field and Fort Hancock.
- Personal grills at Guardian Park in Fort Hancock.
- Campgrounds
- Other areas and conditions as listed specifically in a special use permit
- Park residence areas using picnic grills
- Lanterns may be used in conjunction with permitted night fishing, campgrounds or when approved via a permit.

Receptacles Allowed:

- In Guardian Park fires must be contained in a grill.
- Permanent, existing grills
- Fire rings in campgrounds
- Fire containing receptacle as identified in a special use permit.

Established Conditions for Fires:

- Firewood from outside the park boundary may not be brought into the park or burned even at the organized youth group campground or under the auspices of a fire permit.

(a)(2) The following restrictions are in effect for the use of stoves or lanterns:

- There are no restrictions on the use of stoves or lanterns.

(b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:

- All campfire ring fires must be cold to touch, extinguished with water only.
- All charcoal must be placed in barrels marked "charcoal" and/or red in color.
- Ash from fires must be deposited in the receptacles provided or removed from the park.

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

(a)(2) The use of government refuse receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property is allowed under the following conditions:

- In conjunction with a government contract for work conducted within the park boundary.
- The dumping of leaves and grass clippings for the purpose of providing raw materials for Floyd Bennett Field's public composting operation may be conducted under Special Use Permit.

(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established as follows:

- There are no special conditions

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets:

- Riis Park, Fort Tilden, Breezy Point Tip and Sandy Hook ocean side beaches from March 15 through September 15.
- The Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Great Kills Park swimming beach from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.
- All public buildings are closed to pets.

(a)(3) Pets may be left unattended and tied to an object in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- Within employee housing areas provided there is someone designated to check on the pet at least every hour, the pet is not in a location where it could pose a threat to anyone, and the pet is not creating a noise disturbance.
- Visitors may tie up a pet momentarily to enter a park building or concession to obtain a permit or purchase supplies. The pet shall not be left in a location or manner where it could pose a threat to anyone and the pet shall not create a noise disturbance.

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:

- Pet excrement must be placed in provided trash receptacles or removed from the park.
- Provisions as established by the New York State Public Health Law § 1310.

(b) The use of dogs in support of hunting must be in accordance with Federal and State laws and the following conditions:

- No special conditions have been established.

(e) Pets may be kept by park residents under the following conditions:

- As outlined in Lease Agreement.
- All pets must be leashed or in a fenced-in enclosure at all times when outdoors.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

(a) The following animals are designated as pack animals for purposes of transporting equipment:

- No animals are designated; use of pack animals is prohibited.

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is allowed on the following trails, routes or areas:

- Use of pack animals is prohibited.

(d) Free-trailing or loose-herding is allowed on the following trails/routes, subject to the conditions noted:

- Use of pack animals is prohibited.

(g) Other conditions concerning the use of horses or pack animals:

- Use of pack animals is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

*Note: Helicopter and aircraft landings associated with the official business of the federal government must be coordinated through the US Park Police or Law Enforcement Ranger division. When possible, landings for law enforcement, emergencies, or rescue missions within the Staten Island Unit

should be confined to the softball field at Fort Wadsworth, the southeast parking lot at Miller Field, and the main parking lot at Great Kills Park.

(a)(1) Areas designated for operating or using aircraft are provided for in section 7.

- There are no aircraft zones designated in Gateway NRA.

(a)(2) The operation or use of aircraft under power on water within 500 feet of designated swimming beaches, boat docks, piers, or ramps is permitted in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- There are no aircraft zones designated.

(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by the Superintendent through written authorization.

- Conditions regarding the removal of downed aircraft will be reviewed and established by the superintendent on a case by case basis.

36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

(c) Snowmobiles may be operated only on routes designated in section 7.

- There are no designated snowmobile routes within Gateway NRA.

36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

(a) The following park roads and/or parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic may be used for skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, inner-tubing, tobogganing, and similar winter activities under the conditions noted:

- There are no roads or parking areas that may be used for winter activities. Skiing, snowshoeing and other winter activities are permitted in all park areas not designated as closed in 36 CFR 1.5 "Closures".

(b) The towing of persons on skis, sled or other similar device by motor vehicle or snowmobile is allowed in the following areas and/or routes:

- There are no authorized routes.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

The use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices are allowed only in the following areas:

- Riis Boardwalk
- Floyd Bennett Field runways closed to motor vehicles
- Wind Powered Vehicles may be operated under a Special Use permit on Runway 19 on Floyd Bennett Field.
- Multi-use Pathways and Greenways.
- Fort Hancock roadways. (excluding Hartshorne Drive)

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:

- The Wildlife Refuge West Pond Trail, East and West Garden Areas and East Pond perimeter.
- 25' from any building entrance or flammable storage area.

- Following federal government policy, the interior of all structures (except residences) are closed to smoking. This includes the deck area of the concession at Sandy Hook Area D.

Determination: Smoking is prohibited to protect park resources, reduce the risk of fire, and/or prevent conflicts among visitor use activities.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Property may be left unattended for periods longer than 24 hours in the following areas and under the following conditions:

- Disabled vehicles or vessels may be left in parking lots, anchored, docked or in some other safe area after notification of the US Park Police or National Park Law Enforcement Rangers under the conditions established based on the circumstances.
- Vessels under agreement with marina concessionaire at Great Kills Park and Gateway marina.
- Geocache items smaller than 1 cubic foot.
- By permit.

36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES

(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

- The use of Sandy Hook beach parking areas B, C, D, E, G, I, J and K. Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, (7:00 am through 5:00 pm).
 - \$10.00 daily per vehicle
 - \$5.00 daily per senior/disabled vehicle (senior =62 or older)
 - \$50.00 annual vehicle pass
 - \$25.00 annual senior/disabled vehicle (senior =62 or older)
 - \$25.00 daily for vehicles over 20 feet in length
- The use of Riis Park parking area Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day
 - \$5.00 daily per vehicle
 - \$2.50 daily per senior/disabled vehicle (senior =62 or older)
 - \$40.00 annual vehicle pass
 - \$20.00 annual senior/disabled vehicle (senior =62 or older)
 - \$5.00 daily for vehicles over 20 feet in length

Entrance Fee Areas:

There are no Entrance Fees

Daily Site Use Fee Areas:

There are no Daily Site Use Fees

Special Recreation Permit Fee (Such as but not limited to, group activities, recreation events, and the use of motorized recreation vehicles):

There are no Special Recreation Permit Fees.

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- Riis Park, except at the official National Park Service concessions, or by Special Use Permit.
- Alcohol is prohibited at organized events larger than 500 people except by Special Use Permit, throughout the Jamaica Bay Unit.
- All roadways, parking areas, Multi-Use Pathways, and educational and youth group campgrounds except as authorized by a Special Use Permit granted by the Superintendent.

Determination: The consumption of alcohol is an inappropriate activity in a youth group and educational campground setting. Consuming alcohol on roadways and along multi-use pathways contributes to the risk of collisions between pedestrians, bicycles and motor vehicles. Consuming alcoholic beverages in swimming areas significantly contributes to the risk of drowning. Incidents of aberrant behavior related to the consumption of alcoholic beverages at large gatherings have been of such magnitude that the diligent application of authorities in this section and §1.5 (Closures and Public Use Limits), and §2.34 (Disorderly Conduct), over a reasonable time period, had not alleviated the problem. [36 CFR §2.35(a)(3)(1)(A)&(B)].

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

(b) Fireworks and firecrackers may be possessed and/or used in the following areas, under the conditions noted:

- There are no designated areas or conditions for the possession or use of fireworks within the park.
- Fireworks displays or shows require a Special Use Permit

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains, or in the following designated areas without a permit, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- A permit is required for the scattering of human remains in all areas of the park.
- Scattering of human remains must be in accordance with state laws.
- Terms and conditions established in the permit.

36 CFR §3.3 – VESSEL PERMITS

Permits are required for the use of a vessel in the following areas:

- All park waters designated as closed

36 CFR §3.7 – PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES (PFD)

(b) Designated times, locations, and activities that PFD's are required:

- During NPS led interpretive tours or programs.

36 CFR §3.8 – VESSEL OPERATIONS

(2) The following sites are designated for the launching and recovery of vessels

Boats on trailers may be launched and recovered at the following locations. Permits and/or Fees may apply:

- Great Kills Park Boat Ramp
- Great Kills Marina
- Gateway Marina

Boats and vessels may be launched and recovered by hand at the following locations. Permits and/or fees may apply:

- Jamaica Bay Plumb Beach
- Floyd Bennett Field Mill Basin inlet
- Floyd Bennett Field Seaplane ramp
- Canarsie Pier
- Jamaica Bay North Channel
- Ocean beaches when or where no lifeguards are present.
- Sandy Hook Bayside Area C and Horseshoe Cove

*Note: Vehicles may not stop on or along roadways or drive off roadways to aid in launching vessels. Vessels must be carried from designated parking areas or pull-outs.

36 CFR §3.9 – PERSONAL WATERCRAFT (PWC)

- Use of personal watercraft is prohibited.

36 CFR §3.12 – TOWING PERSONS FOR WATER SKIING OR SIMILAR ACTIVITIES

(a) The towing of persons by vessels is allowed in the following areas under the terms and conditions noted:

- There are no designated areas for water skiing or similar activities.

36 CFR §3.16 – SWIMMING AND WADING

The following areas are closed to swimming and wading:

- All waters outside of the flags marking the swim zones on lifeguard protected beaches that are within view of on-duty lifeguards.

The following restrictions apply to all swimming and wading:

- Swimming from vessels to ocean side beaches or swimming from ocean side beaches to vessels is prohibited within view of on-duty lifeguards.
- Swimming from vessels to beaches that are closed for the protection of shorebirds, other park resources, or for public safety is prohibited.

36 CFR §3.17 – SWIMMING BEACH REGULATIONS

(a) Designated swimming areas

Lifeguards are on duty from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily in summer at the following locations: Areas C, D, E, G (Gunnison) & North Beach at Sandy Hook, Riis Park Bays 1 – 14 in the Jamaica Bay Unit, and Great Kills Park in the Staten Island Unit. Lifeguards may also staff special events such as competitions and concerts. Wherever park lifeguards are on duty, that area is designated as a swimming beach.

(c) The following activities or items are not permitted on swimming beaches:

- Glass containers
- Fishing when lifeguards are on duty
- Use of flotation devices at Riis Park, Great Kills Park, and Sandy Hook North Beach and Gunnison Beach when lifeguards are on duty.
- Incompatible sporting activities such as Frisbee and ball playing may be limited by on duty lifeguards if the activity is creating a hazard to other visitors.
- Flying kites on lifeguard protected beaches Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day while guards are on duty. (10:00am - 6:00pm.)* Note: Kites must remain 650 feet from designated shorebird protection areas at all times

36 CFR §3.18 – SCUBA AND SNORKELING

(a) SCUBA diving and snorkeling is subject to the following restrictions:

- SCUBA and snorkeling is subject the provisions of NY and NJ state laws.

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated below, and/or as indicated in the following publication or document (attached hereto):

- See Attached Document

(b) Routes and areas for off-road vehicle use are provided for in section 7 and in section 1.5(a)(2).

- The only designated off-road route within the park is at the western tip of Breezy Point. Driving off designated roads or areas in other parts of the park is prohibited except by NPS employees operating government owned vehicles, by Federal, State and local cooperating agencies, and by service and utility vehicles, when it is necessary for the protection, maintenance and operation of park resources and facilities and is authorized by the Superintendent.

§ 7.29 Gateway National Recreation Area.

Operation of motor vehicles.

The operation of motor vehicles, other than authorized emergency vehicles, is prohibited outside of established public roads and parking areas, except on beaches and oversand routes designated by the Superintendent by the posting of appropriate signs and identified on maps available at the office of the Superintendent. These beaches and routes will be designated after consideration of the criteria contained in sections 3 and 4 of E.O. 11644, (37 FR 2877) and § 4.10(b) of this chapter.

(b) Off-road vehicle operation.

- (1) Operation of motor vehicles, (including the various forms of vehicles used for travel oversand, such as but not limited to, "beach buggies") on beaches or on designated oversand routes

without a permit from the Superintendent is prohibited. Before a permit will be issued, each vehicle will be inspected to assure that it contains the following equipment which must be carried in the vehicle at all times while on the beaches or on the designated oversand routes:

- (i) Shovel;
- (ii) Jack;
- (iii) Tow rope or chain;
- (iv) Board or similar support;
- (v) Low pressure tire gauge.

Prior to the issuance of such permits, operators must show compliance with Federal and State regulations and applicable to licensing, registering, inspecting, and insuring of such vehicles. Such permits shall be affixed to the vehicles as instructed at the time of issuance.

- (2) Driving off designated, marked oversand routes or beaches is prohibited.
- (3) Vehicles shall not be parked in designated oversand routes or interfere with moving traffic.
- (4) When the process of freeing a vehicle which has been stuck results in ruts or holes, the ruts or holes shall be filled by the operator of such vehicle before it is removed from that area.
- (5) The operation of a motorcycle on an oversand vehicle route or beach is prohibited.
- (6) The Superintendent may establish limits on the number of oversand vehicles permitted on designated oversand routes and beaches when such limitations are necessary in the interest of public safety, protection of the ecological and environmental values of the area, coordination with other visitor uses.

(c)(1) Track-laying motor vehicles, or other motor vehicles equipped with a similar traction device may be operated on the following routes under the terms and conditions noted:

- There is no track laying motor vehicle route designated in Gateway NRA. Operating track laying equipment is prohibited.

36 CFR §4.11 – VEHICLE LOAD, WEIGHT AND SIZE LIMITS

(a) The following load, weight and size limits, which are more restrictive than State law, apply to the roads indicated under the terms and conditions, and/or under permit as noted:

- Load, weight and size restrictions shall be in accordance with the State of New Jersey, New York State and New York City Motor Vehicle Laws. A permit is required to operate vehicles which exceed the designated load, weight and size restrictions.

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

Jamaica Bay Unit

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| • Floyd Bennett Field | 25 mph |
| • Fort Tilden Shore Road | 15 mph |
| • Fort Tilden Heinzelman Road | 15 mph |
| • Fort Tilden Haan Road | 15 mph |
| • Fort Tilden Hero Road | 15 mph |
| • Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge | 15 mph in parking lot |
| • Canarsie Pier | 15 mph in all areas |
| • Jacob Riis Park | 15 mph in parking lots and service roads |
| • Hamilton Beach | 15 mph along road |
| • Sand Road and BP Tip Beach ORV Areas | 10 mph |

Sandy Hook Unit

- Hartshorne Drive
 - 35 mph Northbound from Rt. 36 to the Ranger Station

- 25 mph Northbound through Ranger Station zone
- 35 mph Northbound from Ranger Station to South Maintenance
- 45 mph Northbound from South Maintenance to Atlantic Drive
- 35 mph Northbound from Atlantic Drive to Guardian Park
- 25 mph Northbound from Guardian Park to U.S. Coast Guard Gate
- 25 mph Southbound from USCG Gate to Guardian Park
- 35 mph Southbound from Guardian Park to Atlantic Drive
- 45 mph Southbound from Atlantic Drive to Ranger Station
- 35 mph Southbound from Ranger Station to Rt. 36
- Atlantic Drive
 - 35 mph Northbound except on curves as posted by signs
 - 35 mph Southbound except on curves as posted by signs
- Magruder Road 25 mph
- Gunnison Road 25 mph
- MAST Way and MAST service roads 15 mph
- Hudson Drive 25 mph
- Hudson Road 25 mph
- Pennington Street 15 mph
- Lawson Lane 15 mph
- Kessler Road 15 mph
- Kearney Road 25 mph
- McNair Road 15 mph
- Mercer Road 15 mph
- Canfield Road 25 mph
- North Bragg Drive 15 mph
- South Bragg Drive 25 mph
- Randolph Drive (Water Plant Rd) 15 mph
- All parking areas & access roads 15 mph
- Fee Plaza 15 mph

Staten Island Unit

- New York Avenue, Fort Wadsworth 25 mph
- New Mexico Court, Fort Wadsworth 15 mph
- Mont Sec Avenue, Fort Wadsworth 15 mph
- Buffalo Road, Great Kills Park 25 mph
- Crookes Point access roads 15 mph
- Harbor Road, Great Kills Park 15 mph
- Miller Field 15 mph

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) Park roads and parking areas that are closed to bicycle use are listed in section 1.5 of this document.

- No closures. All park roads and parking areas are open to bicycle use.

The following additional routes, in developed areas or special use zones, have been designated for bicycle use:

- Non-motorized bicycle use is permitted on paved park roads, parking areas, greenway paths and Multi-use pathways.

Determination: Multi-use pathways and greenways were designed in developed areas to provide alternative transportation methods and recreational opportunities. These routes underwent public

review and were designed in consideration of the parks natural and scenic values and the safety of park visitors. Use of bicycles on these pathways will not disturb wildlife or harm park resources.

(b) Bicycle use is allowed in undeveloped areas as provided in section 7.

- There are no section 7 special regulations for bicycle use at Gateway NRA.

(d)(3) Riding a bicycle abreast of another rider is allowed on the following routes:

- Bicycles must keep right but may be ridden abreast of another bicycle when not creating a hazard and/or traffic is not impeded and a solid centerline is not crossed.

36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING

Hitchhiking is permitted in the following areas under the conditions noted:

- Hitchhiking is prohibited

36 CFR §7 – SPECIAL REGULATIONS

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Operation of motor vehicles.

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(b) Off-road vehicle operation.

(1) Operation of motor vehicles, (including the various forms of vehicles used for travel oversand, such as but not limited to, "beach buggies") on beaches or on designated oversand routes without a permit from the Superintendent is prohibited. Before a permit will be issued, each vehicle will be inspected to assure that it contains the following equipment which must be carried in the vehicle at all times while on the beaches or on the designated oversand routes:

- (i) Shovel;
- (ii) Jack;
- (iii) Tow rope or chain;
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- (v) Low pressure tire gauge.

Prior to the issuance of such permits, operators must show compliance with Federal and State regulations and applicable to licensing, registering, inspecting, and insuring of such vehicles. Such permits shall be affixed to the vehicles as instructed at the time of issuance.

(2) Driving off designated, marked oversand routes or beaches is prohibited.

(3) Vehicles shall not be parked in designated oversand routes or interfere with moving traffic.

(4) When the process of freeing a vehicle which has been stuck results in ruts or holes, the ruts or holes shall be filled by the operator of such vehicle before it is removed from that area.

(5) The operation of a motorcycle on an oversand vehicle route or beach is prohibited.

(6) The Superintendent may establish limits on the number of oversand vehicles permitted on designated oversand routes and beaches when such limitations are necessary in the interest of public safety, protection of the ecological and environmental values of the area, coordination with other visitor uses.

(c) Public lewdness. Section 245.00 of the New York Penal Code is hereby adopted and incorporated into the regulations of this part. Section 245.00 provides that:

A person is guilty of public lewdness when he intentionally exposes the private and intimate parts of his body in a lewd manner or commits any other lewd act (a) in a public place, or (b) in private

premises under circumstances in which he may readily be observed from either a public place or from other private premises, and with intent that he be so observed.

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APPENDIX A:

Park Roads Open to Public Use and Travel

Jamaica Bay Unit

- Floyd Bennett Field Floyd Bennett Drive
- Floyd Bennett Field Aviation Road
- Floyd Bennett Field Ranger Road (to archery range)
- Floyd Bennett Field Enterprise Avenue
- Floyd Bennett Field Runway 15-33
- Floyd Bennett Field Runway Old 6-24
- Fort Tilden Shore Road
- Fort Tilden Heinzelman Road
- Fort Tilden Haan Road
- Fort Tilden Hero Road
- Fort Tilden Davis Road
- Fort Tilden Murray Road
- Fort Tilden Barret Road
- Fort Tilden Steele Road
- Fort Tilden Worchester Road
- Riis Landing (ferry access only)
- Jacob Riis Park Parking areas
- Rockaway Point Yacht Club Access Road
- Sand Road and BP Tip Beach ORV Areas
- Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge
- Canarsie Pier
- Hamilton Beach Lockwood Court

Sandy Hook Unit

- Hartshorne Drive
- Atlantic Drive
- Magruder Road
- Gunnison Road
- MAST Way and MAST service roads
- Hudson Drive
- Hudson Road
- Pennington Street
- Lawson Lane
- Kessler Road
- Kearney Road
- McNair Road
- Mercer Road
- Canfield Road
- North Bragg Drive
- South Bragg Drive
- Randolph Drive (Water Plant Rd)
- Fee Plaza

Staten Island Unit

- New York Avenue, Fort Wadsworth

- New Mexico Court, Fort Wadsworth
- Tompkins Avenue, Fort Wadsworth
- Mont Sec Avenue, Fort Wadsworth
- Marshall Road, Fort Wadsworth
- Hudson Road, Fort Wadsworth (to parking area only)
- Battery Road, Fort Wadsworth
- Buffalo Road, Great Kills Park
- Crookes Point access road, Great Kills park
- Bulkhead Road, Great Kills Park
- Harbor Road, Great Kills Park
- Shore Road, Miller Field
- Sanchez Drive, Miller Field